

## **FIREFIGHTER FIRST CLASS**

(Promotional Class)

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:**

Positions of this class comprise the first promotional level in the fire suppression division of fire department operations. Employees of this class perform basically the same firefighting, maintenance, and training tasks as those assigned the class of Firefighter, but are expected to demonstrate a higher level of ability in performance and independence of operation than that exhibited by firefighters. This class is non-supervisory in nature and ranks directly below that of Fire Driver. Employees of this class report to and have work reviewed by Fire Captains.

### **EXAMPLES OF WORK:**

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Gains forcible entry into a burning structure by forcing or prying locked doors or windows, breaking glass, or opening walls, roofs, etc.; enters burning structure and locates seat of fire; removes required hose and tools from truck; makes necessary connections to fire hydrant; opens and closes hydrant; advances dry or charged lines into structure, up ladders or staircases; selects proper stream and operates nozzle; operates portable extinguishers or foam generators and eductors in combating special types of fires; takes necessary precautions when handling hazardous materials; dons and operates portable breathing apparatus; attacks and extinguishes all classes of fires;

Extinguishes automobile fires;

Searches for injured persons and removes them from danger; gives first aid treatments such as administering artificial respiration and CPR, stopping or controlling bleeding, or treating for shock;

Positions and operates portable blowers, smoke ejectors, fans, electric motors, and generators for mechanical ventilation or applies fog streams as an aid to ventilation;

Removes water, debris, and smoke from the building; checks for and extinguishes spot fires or hidden fires; looks for, reports, protects, and preserves any evidence of arson;

Uses fire department tools and equipment such as hoses (loads and unloads hose according to department procedure, eliminates problems in hose lines to insure good water flow, repairs or replaces defective hoses and couplings), ladders (lifts, carries, raises, lowers, positions, and extends ladders, climbs and works from ladders), and ropes (ties knots, performs routine maintenance and inspection);

Cleans and performs general maintenance of fire department apparatus and tools.

Participates in training and/or drills on ladders, hoses, connections, aerial ladders, etc.; attends such special schools and training courses as assigned;

Performs duties required for routine maintenance and upkeep of station and grounds.

Performs related duties as required.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:**

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements must be met before admission to examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States, being a qualified elector of the State of Louisiana, and passing a civil service examination for the position.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in good standing in the class of Firefighter.